

1 Hon. Barbara J. Rothstein
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

SAHANA SOMASUNDARA,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, et al.,

12 Defendants.

Case No. 2:20-cv-01851-BJR

13 STIPULATED MOTION AND
ORDER TO EXTEND DEADLINES

14 The parties, pursuant to Local Rules 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move for an
15 extension of Defendants' deadline to file an Answer to the Complaint. The Answer is currently due
16 March 5, 2021; the new deadline would be April 15, 2021.

17 A court may modify a schedule for good cause. Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). Continuing pretrial
18 and trial dates is within the discretion of the trial judge. *See King v. State of California*, 784 F.2d 910,
912 (9th Cir. 1986). The parties submit there is good cause for an extension of this deadline.
19 Defendants have recently scheduled Plaintiff's biometrics appointment for March 22, 2021 and
20 anticipate issuing a decision on Plaintiff's I-539 and I-765 Applications thereafter. Adjudication of
21 Plaintiff's I-539 and I-765 Applications would fully resolve this action without the time and expense
22 of further litigation.

1 Accordingly, the parties seek an extension to April 15, 2021 as the deadline for Defendants to
2 file the Answer.

3 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

4 DATED: February 25, 2021

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ORDER

Having reviewed the stipulated motion of the parties to extend deadlines (Dkt. No. 7), the Court GRANTS the motion and ORDERS that the deadline for Defendants to file their answer is extended to April 15, 2021.

The Court notes that in this stipulated motion, Defendants have changed the caption of the case to reflect that Alejandro Mayorkas is now serving as the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), the Clerk is directed to substitute DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas for former Acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf as a defendant in this matter.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2021.

Barbara Rothstein

Barbara Jacobs Rothstein
U.S. District Court Judge